## SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

FC 2007-094087 05/20/2011

CLERK OF THE COURT

HONORABLE BRUCE R. COHEN

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IN RE THE MATTER OF DORIS C WILLIAMS

DORIS C WILLIAMS PO BOX 2755 CHANDLER AZ 85244

AND

HENRY THOMAS WILLIAMS JR.

HENRY THOMAS WILLIAMS JR. 1050 E RAY RD 115 CHANDLER AZ 85225

## EVIDENTIARY HEARING TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE SET

Courtroom 304-SE

8:17 a.m. This is the time set for Evidentiary Hearing regarding temporary orders. Petitioner/Mother, Doris C. Williams, is present on her own behalf. Respondent/Father, Henry Thomas Williams, is present on his own behalf.

A record of the proceedings is made by audio and/or videotape in lieu of a court reporter.

This matter comes before the court on the Emergency Motion filed by Mother. She alleged therein that the parties' 10 year old daughter, Hannalee, was possibly sexually abused by Father. Reports were made to law enforcement and investigations were initiated.

From the information provided this date, the Scottsdale Police Department arranged for a confrontation call between Father and Hannalee. Thereafter, Father states that he was

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interviewed by the investigating officer. He asserts that the result of the investigation is that no charges shall be brought against him. He is in the process of securing the investigative reports.

Mother states that Child Protective Services has also been notified. She is not aware of the status of their work on this issue. She believes, however, that Hannalee is suffering and is in need of therapy.

As this court stated to the parties, this is an absolutely critical stage in this child's life. It is possible that inappropriate conduct occurred and this child was victimized. It is also possible that no sexually inappropriate behavior occurred and yet this child has created a misperception to the contrary. Without discerning which of these possibilities is more accurate, it is impossible to create a child based approach for Hannalee without knowing what actually occurred. The approach in therapy (if pursued) is vastly different if the therapist is dealing with a victimized child versus a therapist dealing with a child that has misperceived what are otherwise benign actions.

Since there will not be any definitive evidence as to what did or did not occur, this court feels strongly that a forensic interview of Hannalee must occur without delay. The parties are encouraged to contact community based services such as Child Help, to determine whether there are free or sliding scale services available for a forensic interview. In doing so, the parties must ensure that the service agency is familiar with and abides by all recommended forensic interview techniques. In the meantime, the court shall determine whether there are any fee based individuals who would be available and at what cost to the parties. This shall then all be reviewed at the time of the next conference call.

**IT IS ORDERED** affirming the no contact orders between Father and the children. This is short term in nature and shall be addressed further during the conference call.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mother shall not commence with therapeutic services for Hannalee until a larger case plan can be developed.

The parties are further directed to secure copies of law enforcement reports so that those may be reviewed by the court at the time of the conference call.

IT IS ORDERED setting this matter for telephonic Conference on May 26, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. (Time allotted: 30 minutes) in this Division. To participate therein, each party shall contact this Division at 602-372-0686 no later than five minutes prior to the start of the Conference.

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** signing this minute entry as a formal order of this Court pursuant to Rule 81(D), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

9:15 a.m. Matter concludes.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2011

/S/ BRUCE R. COHEN

BRUCE R. COHEN SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL OFFICER

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